ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿ ಗೌಡ.—ಈ ವಿಚ್ಛಾನ ಮಂದಿರವು ವ್ಯವಸಾಯಗಾರರಿಗೆ ಬಹಳ ಅನುಕೂಲವಾದುದೆಂದು ಅದನ್ನು ಮಾಡಲಾಯಿತು. ಆದರೆ ಅದನ್ನೀಗ ತಾವು ಆ ಸೋಷಿಯರ್ ಎಜ್ಯುಕೇಷನ್ ಯೂನಿಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅದನ್ನು ಮರ್ಜ್ ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ರೈತರಿಗೇನೂ ಅನುಕೂಲವಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಅದನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಪುನರ್‌ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎ. ಶಂಕರಗೌಡ.—ಅದರಿಂದ ಯಾವ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನವೂ ಆಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂಬುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಮನವರಿಕೆಯಾದ ನಂತರ ಅದನ್ನು ಸೋಷಿಯರ್ ಎಜ್ಯುಕೇಷನ್ ಯೂನಿಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಮರ್ಜ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದನ್ನು ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿಸುವುದರಿಂದ ಯಾರಿಗೂ ಏನೂ ಅಂಥ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Sri Digambara Rao B. Kalmankar may put his short notice question.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Damage of Crops in Aland Taluk

39. **Sri DIGAMBARA RAO B. KALMANKAR** (Aland).—

Will the Minister for Revenue and Forests be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the standing crops of Jowar, etc., have been damaged in Aland Taluk of Gulbarga District due to heavy rains from 21st February 1968, to this date;

(*b*) whether the Government has issued orders to the Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga to suspend collection of rabi khist of land revenue and levy on Jowar ?

(*c*) if not, whether they would issue orders in this behalf immediately :

(*d*) whether they would take up famine relief work in Aland Taluk ?

A.—**Sri B. RACHAIAH** (Minister for Revenue and Forests).—

(*a*) Yes; Jowar crops of small holders harvested and laying in the fields have been slightly affected as a result of rainfall from 31st February to 24th February 1968.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The situation does not warrant any such measures. Nevertheless, the Deputy Commissioners have been authorised to suspend collection of land revenue wherever necessary. As regards levy on Jowar, as provision already exists in the levy orders for claiming determination of net assessed surplus, the question of suspension of levy does not arise.

(*d*) Scarcity relief works and contour bunding will be taken up wherever required.

Sri DIGAMBARA RAO B. KALMANKAR.—Supplementary to (a): It is stated that the crops have been slightly affected as a result of rainfall "from 31st February to 24th February 1968". May I know whether 31st February is correct ?

Sri B. RACHAIAH.—It was from 21st February to 24th February.

Sri DIGAMBARA RAO B. KALMANKAR.—Has it come to the notice of Government that rains continued till 3rd March 1968 ?

Sri B. RACHAIAH.—No.

Sri DIGAMBARA RAO B. KALMANKAR.—In the case of these small holders, can you say what percentage of the small holders' crops have been affected ?

Sri B. RACHAIAH.—The rainfall on those days was like this.

21-2-68	...	21.6 mm.
22-2-68	...	5.1 mm.
23-2-68	...	10.2 mm.
24-2-68	...	10.00 mm.

The extent of the percentage of loss is not mentioned, but it is stated that only a small portion of the holders who cut their jowar crop in the fields could not collect the crops and in their cases the crops have failed and there was some damage.

Sri DIGAMBARA RAO B. KALMANKAR.—It is stated in answer to (c) that the situation does not warrant any such measures. Nevertheless, the Deputy Commissioners have been authorised to suspend collection of land revenue wherever necessary." My question is whether the Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga has been specifically requested to stop collection of land revenue ?

Sri B. RACHAIAH. —As regards the collection of land revenue, the Deputy Commissioner has reported that the loss is not so much as to warrant the postponement of collection of land revenue or to give remission.

Sri DIGAMBARA RAO B. KALMANKAR.—Is it not a fact that the answers to this question are only based on the statement made in reply to the Calling Attention Notice given by Mr. G. Chandrakanth, M.L.A. and that no efforts are made to take the subsequent development in the Taluka into consideration ?

Sri B. RACHAIAH.—No, Sir. We have subsequently contacted the Deputy Commissioner, Gulbarga over phone on 14th March 1968 ; and thereafter he has sent a report on 15 March 1968.

Sri H. N. NANJE GOWDA.—What scarcity relief work is taken in Aland Taluk ?

Sri B. RACHAIAH.—About Rs. 30,000 has been placed at the disposal of the Tahsildar, Aland Taluk, for taking up relief works if the situation so warrants.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Sri Nanjegowda may put the next short notice quetion 40.